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(54) Title: LIPID COMPLEXES COATED WITH PEG AND THEIR USE

(57) Abstract: The present invention is related to a lipid composition comprising at least a first lipid component, at least a first helper lipid, and a shielding compound which is removable from the lipid composition under in vivo conditions.

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